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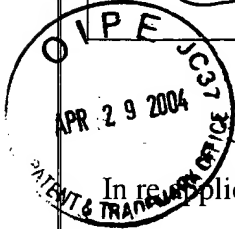
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of:

**PETER KUSHNER, PAUL WEBB, RENEE
WILILARD, C. ANTHONY HUNT, and
GABRIELLA LOPEZ**

Application No.: **09/729,478**

Filed: **12/04/2000**

For: **METHODS FOR SCREENING
COMPOUNDS FOR ESTROGENIC
ACTIVITY**

Examiner: Elizabeth Kemmerer, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1646

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
- 2) A Notice of Appeal; and
- 3) A Terminal Disclaimer.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.